

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL, 2002 AT 7:15 P.M. IN THE BOARD'S
CONFERENCE ROOM, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER,
755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Mary W. Biggs	-Chair
	Larry N. Rush	-Vice Chairman
	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisors
	John A. Muffo	
	Annette S. Perkins	
	James D. Politis	
	C.P. Shorter	
	Jeffrey D. Johnson	-County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	Robert C. Parker	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by Larry N. Rush, seconded by C.P. Shorter and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Goal Setting

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Larry N. Rush	None
C.P. Shorter	
James D. Politis	
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	

John A. Muffo
Mary W. Biggs

The County Administrator distributed a report on the Vision and Mission of the Board of Supervisors. He also distributed a report on the County's current issues, concerns and projects.

Vision

Leader in local government in the New River Valley by which others are measured.

Excellence in public service; highest standards of ethics and integrity; provide highest quality of life working together to sustain Montgomery County as the leading county in the New River Valley.

Mission

Provide the best, first choice community through excellence in public service.

Current Issues/Concerns/Projects

- ! Courthouse Renovations
- ! Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- ! Centralized Accounting Implementation
- ! Information Management System Implementation - MUNIS
- ! School Facilities
 - " Capital Projects
 - " How Vacant School Buildings Can Be Used
- ! Transition of PSA to Function as a Department
- ! Utilities
 - " Water Line Price's Fork
 - " Water Line Ease Side of Christiansburg's Mountain
 - " Wastewater Line Merrimac Road
- ! Parks and Recreation
- ! Market Shell Building
- ! Capital Projects
 - " Fire Stations (Elliston and LongShop/McCoy)
 - " Alleghany Branch Library
 - " Waste Management Status

PLANNING

- ! County Mission and Purpose
- ! Role of the Board
- ! Role of Administrator and Staff
- ! Develop Goals, Objectives, Strategies for the County

EFFECTIVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- ! Know What You Are Doing
- ! Know Where You Are Going
- ! Know How You Will Get There
- ! Know What The Problems Will Be
- ! Know When You Get There

3 BASIC QUESTIONS

- ! Where Are You Now?
- ! Where Do You Want to Be?
- ! How Do You Get There?

OTHER ISSUES AND CONCERNS RAISED BY THE BOARD DURING THE DISCUSSION

- ! How property is valued for tax purposes.
- ! Annual or Biannual assessment vs. 4 year assessment
- ! Fire and Rescue
 - " Riner
 - " Substation for Christiansburg Rescue Squad
 - " Discussion on the location of a substation for the 177 Corridor
- ! Help schools in Riner and Shawsville with athletic facilities
- ! Provide completed athletic facilities at all schools?
- ! Ballfields at Auburn Elementary – ready to play
- ! Ballfield completed at EMHS?
- ! Library in Eastern Montgomery County-Where?
- ! Fire station in Elliston?
- ! Potentials/options for use of Elliston VFD building – Use as a community center?
- ! Accessibility of services in the County
- ! 4 communities – Provide services for each community (Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Elliston/Shawsville and Riner)
- ! Service delivery
- ! Project weariness – budgets, plans
- ! Levels of control and influence
- ! Involvement in facility planning
 - " How much money?
 - " Make it work-Design and Construct new facilities with the amount of money allocated
- ! Financial resources
 - " Growth in tax base

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- " New tax revenues
- " 75% of annual budget goes to schools
- ! Prioritize projects
- ! Why does Montgomery County spend more on projects than other counties?
- ! Investment in 20:1 pupil:teacher ratio
- ! Commitment to provide schools in each of 4 strands
- ! Open space – quality of life – protect agricultural land
 - " What you can and can't do
 - " Buffers
 - " Grazing limits
 - " Protect viewsheds
 - " Be more proactive
 - " Purchase development rights
 - " Land use classification
 - " Integrated comp plan and zoning ordinance – make it effective
 - " Conservation easements – policy guidelines
 - " Growth
 - " Farmland purchased by developers – awaiting development
 - " We're growing and will continue to grow
 - " Challenge: to grow and retain what we love
 - " Growth and service demands
 - " Well-planned infrastructure
- ! County and Towns do a good job representing constituents – different perspectives
- ! Transportation
 - " Mass transit – How to get people to use it
 - " Improve/expand transit services
 - " Can small communities afford it?
 - " Carpooling, conservation
 - " Request state money for mass transit instead of new roads
 - " Limited-access connector roads
 - " Consensus: No support for “ NRV Link Road”
- ! Public Service Authority status
 - " “Hybrid” department
 - " County assumes accounting function
 - " Access to facilities, guidance, resources?
 - " Independently self-supporting
 - " Coordinated planning: utilities and comp plan
 - " Don't “bypass” anyone who wants service
 - " Planning is critical
- ! Develop orderly, measurable strategies, milestones
- ! Alternate revenue sources (other than property taxes)
 - " Meals tax
 - " Personal property tax

- " Fees through Sheriff's Office
- " Insurance reimbursements for fire and rescue calls? (if required by ordinance)

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by John A. Muffo, seconded by James D. Politis and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
James D. Politis	None
Gary D. Creed	
Annette S. Perkins	
John A. Muffo	
Larry N. Rush	
C.P. Shorter	
Mary W. Biggs	

NEW BUSINESS

Amend Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Budget

On a motion by John A. Muffo, seconded by Larry N. Rush and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, On April 15, 2002, the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia adopted an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 in the amount of \$105,088,431; and

WHEREAS, This amount included \$165,000 held in Special Contingencies to be allocated for expenditure at a later date; and

WHEREAS, At their meeting on April 22, 2002, the Board of Supervisors agreed to amend the annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 by adding \$180,000 to come from undesignated fund balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia that the annual budget for Fiscal Year 2002-2003 is hereby amended by \$180,000 and the new amount is \$105,268,431.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, That the \$165,000 in Special Contingencies and the \$180,000 additional dollars shall be added to the School Operating Fund contingent upon the School Board providing a one-step increase to employees of the Montgomery County Public Schools.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Annette S. Perkins	None
John A. Muffo	
Larry N. Rush	
C.P. Shorter	
James D. Politis	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - STATEMENT OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Supervisor Muffo, Supervisor Shorter, Supervisor Perkins and Chair Biggs all stated for the record that there is no conflict of interest in voting on the resolution to amend the FY 2002-2003 Budget.

Supervisor Muffo stated for the record that his wife is a teacher for the Montgomery County Public Schools and believes there is no conflict of interest.

Supervisor Shorter stated for the record that his wife is a teacher for the Montgomery County Public Schools and believes there is no conflict of interest.

Supervisor Perkins stated for the record that she is a substitute teacher for the Montgomery County Public Schools and believes there is no conflict of interest.

Chair Biggs stated for the record that she is a teacher for the Montgomery County Public Schools and believes there is no conflict of interest. Chair Biggs also stated that there are approximately 1,000 employees of the Montgomery County Public School System and the approval of the resolution would benefit all the employees.

Proclamation - "Buckle up Now Month" May 2002

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On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by C.P. Shorter and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Seat belt usage is essential to preventing injuries and saving lives of motorists involved in motor vehicle accidents on the roadways of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Only 72.8 percent of motorists currently use seatbelts when operating a motor vehicle on the roadways of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents that occur do not discriminate, they recognize no age limit, race, creed, or economic status; and

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among Americans ages one (1) to thirty-four (34); and

WHEREAS, When safety belts are used correctly in vehicles, they reduce the risk of fatal injury to front seat passengers by 45%; and

WHEREAS, The County of Montgomery and the Law Enforcement agencies located within, have committed themselves to reducing the number of injuries or fatalities in motor vehicle accidents on the highways of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Through participation in the "Buckle Up Now" campaign, awareness and understanding of the importance of proper safety belt usage will be enhanced and ultimately reduce the of number of injuries or fatalities in motor vehicle accidents on the highways of Montgomery County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia hereby proclaims May 2002 as Buckle Up Now Month in Montgomery County and the Board of Supervisors calls upon all Montgomery County citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our community to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of proper safety belt usage to reduce the number of injuries or fatalities in motor vehicle accidents on the highways of Montgomery County.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed
Larry N. Rush
C.P. Shorter
James D. Politis
Annette S. Perkins
John A. Muffo
Mary W. Biggs

NAY

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Joint Meeting with the Town of Blacksburg and the Town of Christiansburg

A tentative date of June 6, 2002 has been set for the joint meeting with the Town of Blacksburg and the Town of Christiansburg. The Chair asked Board members to check their schedule to see if this date was suitable.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by John A. Muffo and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, May 13, 2002 at 7:15 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

AYE

John A. Muffo None
James D. Politis
C.P. Shorter
Larry N. Rush
Gary D. Creed
Annette S. Perkins
Mary W. Biggs

NAY

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.